

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the drawing sheets currently on file with the attached Replacement Sheets.
Three annotated sheets are submitted herewith showing the changes in red.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. The specification has been amended to correct the minor informality pointed out by the Examiner in the Office Action.

New formal drawings sheets have been submitted to supply labels in Figures 1 and 3 to the functional blocks requested by the Examiner. Figures 3 and 4 have also been labeled prior art, as required. No new matter has been added. Figure 2 has not been amended. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, citations on SB/08 forms were struck through for a Japanese reference, JP-2000-59201, as well as for two Korean references, KR-2000-0066203 and KR-1998-074769. As was recently discussed with the Examiner, the struck-through Korean references are actually Korean counterparts of the cited U.S. Patent 6,075,384 and U.S. Patent 6,275,066, which are in English. As to the struck through reference JP-2000-59201, the materiality of that reference was discussed in the background section of the specification, in particular at page 9. In view of the foregoing, the Examiner agreed to provide initialed copies of the above-mentioned SB/08 forms previously submitted, without any strikethrough, and return the same with the next Office Action.

In addition, an Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith to formally cite the two articles discussed in the Background section of the specification, at pages 2-3. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication, in a November 27, 2007 telephone interview, that this Information Disclosure Statement would be entered at this time. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited references before issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-20 have been allowed.

All of the outstanding issues having been addressed, applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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